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ACLU Asks Probe Of U.S. Effort Against Qaddafi

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A Senate Intelligence Committee should determine whether President Reagan has "secretly suspended" a ban against assassinations in the CIA's reported covert action against Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, the American Civil Liberties Union said yesterday.

Citing a Nov. 3 report in The Washington Post that Reagan had approved a campaign against Qaddafi, the ACLU also urged the oversight committee to ensure that "effective steps" are taken to prevent the killing of Qaddafi.

According to the Post report, committee leaders had expressed concern about the Central Intelligence Agency covert operation because they feared it could end in Qaddafi's assassination.